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In re Application of:

Johann Karl et al.

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For: Assay for the Detection of N-  
Terminal proBNP

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**AFTER FINAL AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR § 1.116 FILED WITH APPEAL  
BRIEF**

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Dear Sir:

In order to simplify issues for appeal of the final rejection issued against the above-identified patent application, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and remarks, which are being filed concomitantly with their Appeal Brief.